



# What's Happening at NCIS

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## Topics this week:

- International Delegation Visit NCIS
- MPC I PPLA Committee Meets
- NCIS Guest Lecture at Texas A&M



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**Another active week at NCIS. With many new and important developments taking place in our industry, we bring you a "round-up" of NCIS activities, meetings, projects and progress. A list of future events will also be included in each edition.**

**We welcome your comments and look forward to sharing this update with you.**



## International Delegation Visit NCIS

A delegation from Tunisia, Algeria, and South Africa visited NCIS on Friday, September 26, 2014 to learn about the private crop insurance industry. NCIS staff (Drs. Laurence Crane and Harun Bulut, Troy Brady, Jessica Trites-Rolle, and Therese Stom) discussed the role of the private industry in delivering the Federal crop insurance program and the functions NCIS performs on behalf of the private Crop Hail providers. Their session at NCIS was part of a two-week visit to the United States to learn about agricultural policy and resource management, including risk management programs and tools to help farmers cope with uncertainty. Their trip to the U.S. was part a Cochran Fellowship Program coordinated by The Norman E. Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture at Texas A&M University.



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### ***MPCI Policy, Procedure and Loss Adjustment Committee Meets***

Members of the MPCI Policy, Procedure and Loss Adjustment Committee met in Sacramento, California, to stay current with issues affecting California agriculture. Guest speakers included Dan Nelson, Executive Director at San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority, who spoke on the drought and the water issues affecting California agriculture; Jeff Yaussi, Director of the Davis Regional Office, who provided an update on the Davis Regional Office; and Michel Paggi, University of California Davis, who spoke on the diversity and financial impact that agriculture has in the state of California. A tour of agriculture products grown in the state included a prune processing facility, processing tomatoes being harvested, pistachios being harvested, olive orchard, and a vineyard.



### ***NCIS Guest Lecture at Texas A&M***

NCIS President, Tom Zacharias was invited to teach a section of the "Agricultural and Food Policy" class at Texas A&M University this past week. The class instructor is Dr. Joe Outlaw, Co-Director of the Agricultural and Food Policy Center at A&M. Approximately 200 students in the class comprise primarily of juniors and seniors. Out of every class there are usually five to six students that ultimately work in Washington, D.C. as Congressional staff. The class is currently focusing on the government safety net for farmers and the Farm Bill.

### **Future Meetings and Events Calendar (Regional/State Meetings and Schools in Orange)**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Crop-Hail A&amp;S Committee Meeting</b>	<b>October 14-15</b>	<b>Offsite</b>
<b>Crop-Hail PPLA Committee Meeting</b>	<b>October 22-23</b>	<b>Overland Park, KS</b>
<b>Training and Education Committee Meeting</b>	<b>November 4</b>	<b>Overland Park, KS</b>
<b>NCIS Spring Train the Trainer Conference</b>	<b>November 5-6</b>	<b>Overland Park, KS</b>
<b>NAIC Fall Meeting</b>	<b>November 17-20</b>	<b>Washington, DC</b>

NCIS Board of Directors Meeting	December 8-9	Offsite
<u>2015 Meetings</u>		
Minnesota/North Dakota/South Dakota R/S Meeting	January 6-7	Morton, MN
Colorado/Wyoming R/S Meeting	January 8	Littleton, CO
Gulf States R/S Meeting	January 15	Tunica, MS
2015 Claims Managers' Conference	January 21-22	Overland Park, KS
Southwest R/S Meeting	January 29-30	Ruidoso, NM
Nebraska/Iowa R/S Meeting	February 3-4	Council Bluffs, IA
Kentucky/Tennessee R/S Meeting	February 5	Nashville, TN
Illinois/Wisconsin R/S Meeting	February 5	Springfield, IL
Indiana/Ohio/Michigan R/S Meeting	February 5	Ft. Wayne, IN
Crop Insurance Industry Convention	February 8-11	Bonita Springs, FL
Kansas/Oklahoma R/S Meeting	February 12	Oklahoma City, OK
Missouri R/S Meeting	February 17	Columbia, MO
California/Nevada R/S Meeting	February 17-18	Monterey, CA
Southeast/East R/S Meeting	March 3	Charleston, SC
Northwest/Montana	March 3-4	Missoula, MT
Regional State Chairman Training	TBD	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Spring Meeting	March 28-31	Phoenix, AZ
NCIS Fall Train the Trainer Conference	July 14-15	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Summer Meeting	August 14-17	Chicago, IL
NCIS Spring Train the Trainer Conference	November 4-5	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Fall Meeting	November 19-22	Washington, DC